

Tom Wesselmann

Tom Wesselmann was born in Cincinnati (United States) in 1931. He died in New York in 2004.

After studying at the Cooper Union in New York, Wesselmann joined the informal group dubbed “Pop Art” by critics. His work is part of the collections of many museums around the world, including the MoMA and the Whitney Museum (New York), the Smithsonian Museum (Washington D.C.), the Museum Ludwig (Cologne) or the Nationalgalerie (Berlin). While Wesselmann was recognized more belatedly in France than were his companions – Lichtenstein, Warhol, Rauschenberg or Jasper Johns –, several major retrospectives have been dedicated to him in French institutions, such as the Fondation Cartier in Paris in 1994, the Musée Matisse in Nice in 2023, and the Fondation Louis Vuitton in Paris in 2024.

Solo shows (selection)

2025

Drawn in Steel: Metal Editions, Galerie Lelong, Paris, France

2024

Pop Forever, Tom Wesselmann &..., Fondation Louis Vuitton, Paris, France

2023

Tom Wesselmann. After Matisse, Musée Matisse, Nice, France

2022

Synthesis and Tension: Tom Wesselmann's Editions, Cristea Roberts Gallery, London, United Kingdom

2018

Tom Wesselmann. La promesse du bonheur, MNM – Nouveau Musée National de Monaco, Monaco, Monaco

Galerie Lelong

2014

Beyond Pop Art: A Tom Wesselmann Retrospective, Denver Art Museum, Denver, United States

2013

Tom Wesselmann, Cristea Roberts Gallery, London, United Kingdom

Pop Art and Beyond: Tom Wesselmann, Virginia Museum of Fine Art, Richmond, United States

2012

Beyond Pop-Art, The Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, Montreal, Canada

2011

Tom Wesselmann Draws, The Kreeger Museum, Washington D.C., United States

2010

Tom Wesselmann: Form, Fantasy and the Nude, SongEun ArtSpace, Seoul

2005

Tom Wesselmann, MACRO – Museo d'Arte Contemporanea, Rome, Italy

1996

Tom Wesselmann, 1959-1993, MAMAC – Musée d'art moderne et d'art contemporain , Nice, France

1994

Tom Wesselmann, Fondation Cartier, Paris, France

Tom Wesselmann – Retrospektive 1959-1993, Altes Museum, Berlin, Germany

1978

Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston, United States

1968

The Great American Nude, MCA – Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, United States

Group shows (selection)

Galerie Lelong

2021

On Everyone's Lips, From Pieter Bruegel to Cindy Sherman, Kunstmuseum Wolfsburg, Wolfsburg, Germany

2020

Amuse-bouche, The Taste of Art, Museum Tinguely, Basel, Switzerland

2017

Dioramas, Palais de Tokyo, Paris, France

2015

International Pop Art, Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, United States

2006

Great American Drawings, The Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, United States

Picasso and American Art, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, United States

The Food Show; The Hungry Eye, Chelsea Art Museum, New York, United States

Tom Wesselmann and Roy Lichtenstein: American Pop, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, United States

2003

American Pop Icons, Guggenheim Hermitage Museum, Las Vegas, United States

2001

Les années Pop, Centre Pompidou, Paris, France

New York Pop Impact!, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, United States

2000

MoMa 2000: Open Ends, MoMA – Museum of Modern Art, New York, United States

1995

Femininmasculin: the Sex of Art, Centre Pompidou, Paris, France

1984

BLAM! The Explosion of Pop, Minimalism & Performance 1958-64, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, United States

Galerie Lelong

1978

Art About Art, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, United States

1977

American Art Since 1945, MoMA – Museum of Modern Art, New York, United States

1974

American Pop Art, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, United States

Public collections (selection)

Artsonje Museum of Contemporary Art, Kungju

Musée d'Art et d'Industrie, St. Étienne, France

Musée d'art moderne et d'art contemporain, Nice, France

Museum fur Moderne Kunst, Frankfurt, Germany

Museum Ludwig, Cologne, Germany

National Galerie, Berlin, Germany

Museo Thyssen-Bornemisza , Madrid, Spain

Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, United States

Chrysler Museum, Norfolk, United States

Cincinnati Art Museum, Cincinnati, United States

Dallas Museum of Fine Arts, Dallas, United States

Hirshhorn Museum & Sculpture, Washington D.C., United States

MoMA – Museum of Modern Art, New York, United States

Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, United States

Smithsonian Museum of American Art, Washington D.C., United States

Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, United States